

FROM SHREVEPORT.

Negotiations Between the Bondholders and Shreveport & Houston Narrow Gauge Settled—An Important Suit—Organizing an Assembly of Knights of Labor.

SHREVEPORT, LA., Nov. 9.—Attorney Wm. H. Wise, representing the Shreveport & Houston narrow gauge railway, returned from New Orleans this morning and reports the recent negotiations between the bondholders and Capt. Simon Levy, receiver, as settled, and the proper orders for the turning over of the road will soon be issued by Judge Aleck Boorman of the United States court.

An important suit has just been filed in the United States court here which involves titles to about one hundred and eighty-six acres of land within the lower corporate limits, known as Silver Lake property. The parties suing for the ownership are the heirs of the late W. W. Smith some of them residing in Kentucky and others in Denver, Col. The tract claimed as stated above, is within the city limits, is immensely valuable. The claim of the heirs is based on a patent from the United States to their ancestor in 1855. The land is now held by the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific railway, which claims ownership by virtue of a grant from the United States to the State of Louisiana in aid of railroads, and the point of difference seems to be whether it is swamp and overflowed land or comes under the designation of shallow lake lands. If the latter, it is claimed, it did not pass to the State under the act donating the swamp and overflowed lands to the State by the general government, hence there is great interest manifested in the suit by a large number of citizens in property built upon it. A. H. Leonard and Land & Lawd represent the plaintiffs, and Wise & Herndon are attorneys for the railroad company which now hold possession.

Quite a large meeting of workmen was held at Ross Hall to-night, for the purpose of organizing an assembly of the Knights of Labor. Mr. George Freeman presided and Mr. Morris Masterdon acted as secretary. After the reading of the preamble, etc., of the general order and remarks by several present, the meeting adjourned till Monday night next, for permanent organization.

From Jackson.
Special to Commercial Herald.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 9.—The supreme court to-day decided two important points relative to whisky petitions. One that petitioners in heading their petitions should go strictly according to the code and that it was not enough to say petitioner was a sober and suitable person to receive such license, but in addition to this must be recommended as of good reputation. When a license is granted by the municipal authorities to an applicant who has not complied with these provisions and a counter petition is filed the record may be removed to the circuit court by certiorari and a judgment of said court quashing the order granting the license is a proper disposition. The second point decided is where a firm desires a license that each member must be named in petition, otherwise signers could not testify as to the fitness prescribed by the code. The license could not for this reason be granted to A. Lobe & Co., as the petition did not disclose the names of the persons composing the firm.

W. H. Tarrant, recently arrested here for passing counterfeit money, to-day pleaded guilty. Sentence has not yet been passed.

Supreme Court Decisions.

JACKSON, Nov. 9.—Cases affirmed—Vicksburg Bank vs. Moss; Garrison vs. McInnis; R. H. Holmes vs. State; Corbett vs. Duncan; Lobe & Co. vs. Duncan; Bonney vs. Bonmar.

Cases reversed and remanded—Illinois Central Railroad Co. vs. Haynes; Bunty vs. Shippers Compress Co.; Isaac Landrum vs. State.

In the case of Lee Ross vs. State the appellant was pardoned by the governor and judgment was given for costs only.

In the case of Nugent & McWillie vs. Powell et al., decree was affirmed as to McNeill but reversed as to other defendants.

The court having disposed of the call cases on this docket adjourned until the first Monday in January next, when the third district will be taken up.

From Holly Springs.
Special to the Commercial Herald.

HOLLY SPRINGS, Nov. 9.—An accident occurred on the Memphis, Selma & Brunswick railroad Saturday night, near Capville, in which Charles Collins, conductor, had his neck and right leg broken. Five other train men were seriously injured. Several flat cars were derailed and the tracks rendered impassable. A cow attempted to cross the track, while the train was running at full speed, is the cause of the unfortunate occurrence. This is the first accident ever happened on the Holly Springs short line.

Chronic nasal catarrh positively cured by Dr. Sage's Remedy.

THE GREAT ACTOR DEAD.

Scenes Around the Death-bed of John McCullough—Friends and Fellow Actors to Erect a Monument.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Specials from Philadelphia have the following details of the last hours of John McCullough: "Friday night last his condition assumed a threatening aspect and the long expected crisis had come. Afterwards the peculiar respiration again set in. He continued in this condition during the night. A few minutes before 8 o'clock yesterday morning his attendant was giving him medicine when suddenly the muscles of his throat refused to perform their functions, they having become in an instant paralyzed. The patient became unconscious and remained so until he died. When he became unconscious injections of brandy and ether were made over the pectoral muscle near his heart and injections of ether near the arteries in the neck. This had the effect of lengthening his life a short time, but was of no avail. During the morning Mr. McCullough's two sons came into the sick room for a last look at their father, and stayed only a few minutes. His wife stayed with him until he died. At the last moment his wife, his sister, Mrs. West, Dr. Engel and the nurse were the only persons present. That peculiar respiration which is almost invariably a forerunner of death set in, and the patient assumed the appearance of one dead. His muscles became rigid, and suddenly his right leg was seized with convulsive twitching. By unceasing exertions of his attendants the crisis was safely passed, and a refreshing sleep came to his relief. Saturday was passed quietly by the patient. His mental faculties were brighter than any period during his illness. He took cognizance of all that passed around him. He took food and medicine normally, and retained all the muscular power he had regained before the attack. His wife visited him during the day and spent several minutes at his bedside. He recognized her, and grasping her hand, made an effort to speak, but without avail. Shortly before 8 o'clock in the evening his nurse noticed his pulse had fallen to about sixty beats a minute; and in a few minutes he died without a struggle. His breathing growing slower and weaker until it ceased altogether. After death his features retained natural expression and he appeared as if sleeping. It has been decided to hold a post mortem examination, and a full synopsis of the case. An important one from medical standpoint will be made. While the tragedian lay dying groups of neighbors stood in the rain around the doors and anxiously awaited latest news from the sick room. Much sympathy was expressed for the family and the utmost precautions were taken to prevent noise in the street. No arrangements have been made for the funeral, except that his body will be placed in a vault at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Thursday.

Robson, Crane, Florence, Colyer, and other fellow-actors and friends propose erecting a monument to his memory, and until the location is selected the body will remain in the vault.

Report of the National Cotton Exchange.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 9.—The report of the National Exchange for October says of the cotton crop: Picking has progressed satisfactorily during the past month, the proportion of the crop still remaining in the field being generally estimated at about one-third. In Texas and Mississippi the weather has been almost exceptional for this work, while in portions of Tennessee, Alabama, and States east of there has been considerable rainfall with some heavy storms along the Atlantic seaboard, and excepting Georgia complaints are numerous in consequence. In sections only has the crop made any. During October Louisiana and particularly Texas being more favored in this respect. Killing frosts have been reported in localities in every State ranging in date from October 10th to 26th, and were most frequent in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee, while only a few instances thereof are cited in Texas. Expectations foreshadowed in the last report have been fully realized in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Georgia, but in the States bordering the Atlantic unfavorable surroundings have prevented any outcome to a plant whose condition at the beginning of October was somewhat uncertain. Alabama also is disappointing, for though in the more northerly portion the crops show a decided improvement over last year, in the remainder of the State, embracing some of its not largest cotton counties in the entire cotton belt, the result is such as to give about the same yield per acre as in 1884.

Reel Respited.

REGINA, N. W., Nov. 9.—Reel has been respited until the 16th inst. Preparations are already being made for his execution on the date, although the warrant has not yet arrived.

Labor Troubles.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Nov. 9.—Out of a force of about five hundred miners in the Hocking Valley & Ohio Central regions less than two hundred were engaged. The influence of the strikers has extended to the furnaces. All have closed with two exceptions, and it is expected they will shut down this week. The operators claim that the only thing for them to do is to close their property. The Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railroad has discharged train men and shop hands to the number of several hundred in order to save expenses. There is an inclination on the part of a certain element among the miners to inaugurate vandalism, and already two or three attempts to destroy mine property have been frustrated.

Charged with Stealing Election Returns.

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 9.—Deputy county clerk, Eli B. Morgan, was arrested this afternoon on a warrant issued by Wm. H. Davis, a justice of the peace, charging him with stealing the election returns from the court house on Friday afternoon. Deputy Morgan picked up the papers and ran with them to the county clerk's office to protect them, as was claimed, from some politicians who, it is alleged, changed the figures. Since then he has retained them in the fire proof vault in the clerk's office and refuses to give them up to the board, claiming that they belonged to the clerk's office.

A Young Tramp of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—McDougal Foster, a lad of 11 years, whose parents reside in this city, was picked up and confined in the city prison of San Francisco Saturday, pending inquiry concerning him. He told the officer, who arrested him, he ran away from Chicago over two weeks ago and made his way to the Pacific coast by stealing rides on trains; stopping at Omaha and Ogden en route. His mother, who was seen in this city concerning the boy, said: "He had been away more than two weeks. She did not know where he was until notified by a telegram from the chief of police of San Francisco. For about a year he had gone away at intervals, and she only learned when he returned where he had been. The lad had, at different times, visited New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis."

Knights of Labor Will Not Defend the Prisoners.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.—In an interview last night with Masterworkman Powderly, that gentleman states the visit of the executive board to St. Louis was chiefly to ascertain whether the Cleveland assembly, as an assembly, was implicated in the use of dynamite, and they had satisfied themselves that it was not. He very strongly condemned the use of dynamite. He said the Knights of Labor, as such, would not defend the prisoners now in jail here charged with its use. He believed that if these men are found guilty they should suffer the full penalty of the laws. The committee will leave to-night for Washington, Ind.

Grave Fears in Military Circles.

QUEBEC, Nov. 9.—Since the return of detachment B battery from the northwest, grave fears have been circulating in military circles, and members of the battery are convinced that their officers have received orders from Ottawa to hold everything in readiness for a return to the northwest in anticipation of a raid upon some of the forts in the territory. Their conviction on the subject is strengthened by a recent dispatch respecting the doubling of the forces at Regina.

Thursday Fixed as the Day for the Funeral of John McCullough.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 9.—The funeral of Mr. John McCullough will take place Thursday next at 11 o'clock at St. George's Hall in this city. The pall-bearers will be Edwin Booth, Joseph B. Carson, of Chicago, William H. Thompson, of St. Louis, William J. Florence, of New York, Matthew Canning, of Philadelphia, Henry Edwards, of New York, William F. Johnson, of Philadelphia, James W. Collier, John A. Cockrell and William M. Conner of New York.

The Busy Hum of Industry.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Nearly 150 men resumed work at the Morgan Iron Works (John Roach's) in this city, this morning. The cruiser Atlanta and dispatch boat Dolphin were full of mechanics, and the busy hum of industry was heard on all sides. It is said that over 100 more men will be taken on during the week.

Verdict of Not Guilty.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 9.—The jury in the case against Harry G. Bell, charged with robbing the mails while acting as messenger on the Owensboro & Nashville road, rendered a verdict of "not guilty." The defense was insanity plea and the grounds on which he was freed was that he was a kleptomaniac.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 9.—O'Neal & Stevens, booksellers and stationers, failed to-day. Debts \$12,000; assets nominally \$15,000.

A TERRIFIC SHOCK.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Screams of Women and Children Heard Above the Thundering Gale --The Story of the Disaster as Related by Captain Moore.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT., Nov. 10.—A terrible marine disaster, resulting in the drowning of forty-eight persons and loss of one of the most valuable passenger steamers on the lakes was reported in last night's storm when the steamer Artharbasca arrived. On board the Artharbasca were Capt. Jas. Moore, a member of the Canadian railway steamer Algoma, two passengers and eleven of her crew. These were all that were left of sixty-two persons that sailed from this port from Ower Sound on the Algoma last Thursday. The story of the disaster as related by Capt. Moore is that the Algoma passed through St. Mary's canal bound for this port last Friday noon. Soon after that on Lake Superior the wind began to freshen up from the northwest and a great bank of leaden clouds along the northern horizon, denoted the approach of heavy weather. Realizing, however, that the Algoma was one of the strongest and most powerful steamers afloat and well able to cope with such a gale, Capt. Moore kept her on her course, but as night approached the wind continued to increase in violence and by dark had developed into one of the fiercest and most destructive gales ever experienced on the upper lakes. As the gale increased the sea began to make, and before midnight Lake Superior was lashed into a wilderness of seething foam, while the tempest screamed and howled. Great seas swept completely over the struggling steamer. The situation was made all the more terrible by blinding snow storms that set in before morning. It was impossible to see the length of the steamer. The passengers and crew were terrified beyond measure and momentarily expected to see the steamer plunge to the bottom. By instructions of Capt. Moore the officers circulated among the passengers trying to allay their fears. They were panic stricken, however, and huddled together in the cabin where the screams of women and children could be heard above the thundering of the gale. Saturday morning Isle Royal was sighted and Capt. Moore headed the steamer for Rock Harbor where he hoped to gain shelter. The island forms a natural harbor of refuge, but near the entrance there is a dangerous reef, and just as the steamer was nearing the entrance she struck the reef; there was a terrific shock and then the steamer came to a full stop. Passengers rushed out of the cabin and beseeched the officers to tell them what had happened. "We are on a reef," replied the captain, "but if you will only keep as calm as possible, I trust we will all be safely landed." Just then one of the crew reported that the steamer's bottom had been punctured and she was filling with water. The pumps were at once got in readiness, and all started to leave the steamer, but just as they were about to lower themselves the steamer slipped off the reef and disappeared with an angry roar. The water was covered with the struggling forms of men and women, and then all was over. Only fourteen lived to tell the tale. These got into boats but were powerless to save themselves as they were without oars. Captain Moore, however, wrenched a foot board from the bottom of the boat, and with that as a paddle, succeeded in working the boat to an island where the survivors were picked up by the Artharbasca.

Mr. Bently, the manager of the line, has sent out tugs from here with instructions to search Isle Royal for any survivors that may possibly have got ashore, and to pick up and take care of any bodies that may be found. One of the passengers gives a graphic account of the terrible scenes before and after the wreck: "It is no use to describe the scene," said he, "nothing worse ever occurred on earth. In their madness, when waves were washing the decks, numbers threw themselves into the foaming billows, others when the great wave would pass off the deck, which was swaying from side to side, were swept into the sea. A few hung to the ropes or masts, but the majority seemed to abandon themselves in wild alarm and despair. Even the crew seemed powerless, so stricken were they with the awful suddenness and stupendous character of the disaster. In the meanwhile the boat rapidly went to pieces, dashed against the rocks. The crew, all of whom, except waitresses, clung to the rigging, and managed, during the lull in the storm, to place themselves in a lifeboat and cut the fastenings. In an instant a wave swept them from the wreck amid the awful roar of the dying and terrible dashing of waves. The boat was borne onward. The lifeboat and occupants had a terrible experience on

the storm-tossed lake. All who could, bound themselves to the boat, while the remainder held on like grim death to the sides, expecting every moment to meet their death, either by drowning or from exposure and cold. The half dead inmates were borne on; once the boat was turned over with the waves and one of the crew washed away, but the craft righted itself and was swept on in darkness. After an hour the boat suddenly struck the rocks. The inmates feared all was over with them as the craft capsized, but to their surprise, when thrown out the water was only a foot deep, and they discovered they were on land.

Various Items From Gotham.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The owner of the British cutter, Arrow, issued a challenge through the London Field for an international challenge cup, the one won by his boat in a race against the America in 1852, when the latter was under British rig and British management. The challenge made quite a sensation in the New York yacht club, and is variously commented upon.

Petitions are in circulation to abolish the Brooklyn postoffice as a separate office and place it under the jurisdiction of the New York office. They have received but few signatures in Brooklyn, while in New York the project is more favorably received.

While excavating for a building in the Fourteenth ward, Brooklyn, yesterday, workmen unearthed eighteen human skulls within an area of only fourteen inches from the surface. There is considerable excitement and nobody can explain the mystery. The owner of the property has been in possession thirteen years, and says it has never been built upon.

A Herald Washington special says: Miss Cleveland was expected to arrive at the White House to-day, but did not come, some private engagements having prevented her from starting. She is expected Saturday.

A Convict Confesses to a Murder for Which Another Person was Convicted.

JOLIET, ILL., Nov. 11.—James Young, a convict, serving a ten year term from Carroll county, for burglary, confessed that he is the murderer of Dr. Allen, of Sandwich, Ill. A young man named William Thomas was convicted of this murder on evidence of a female detective from Chicago and sent to prison for seven years. Young is a notorious burglar, who has been an inmate of several Western prisons. In his confession he accurately described the premises where Dr. Allen lived. He also drew a diagram of the house, showing the room in which he claims he had the life and death struggle with the murdered man, from whose grasp he was endeavoring to escape when he committed the murder. The circuit court of DeKalb county has issued a writ of habeas corpus for this young man, and Sheriff Wood took him from prison last evening to Sycamore to stand trial for murder. In the meantime William Thomas has served about six years of his seventeen years term, and has always insisted that he was innocent. Thomas says he knows nothing regarding the man James Young, and never saw or heard of him until he came to prison to serve the sentence for the Carroll county burglary.

Human Bones on a Roadside.

LINCOLN, ILL., Nov. 11.—To-day as Dr. Houser was riding along a lane east of town, his attention was attracted by a pile of bones near the road side. He stopped, examined them, found that many were human bones, and he brought them to town. The discovery started considerable speculation. A boy named Pettit comes nearest solving the mystery. He says some time ago he and a companion Lea Barnes were gathering old bones to sell, and going to what is known as the Abbot place, found a lot of bones under the smokehouse. They put them in a bag and started to town, but got tired of the load and threw them down by the road. One John Haines lived at that place from 1872 until 1880. He was a terror to his neighbors because of his vicious habits, and is known to have killed several persons in the town and was himself killed in Kansas about a year ago in a difficulty with a neighbor. The conclusion of a great many is that Haines was another Bender, and that these bones are the remains of his victims. An examination of the premises will be made this afternoon.

A Denial from Serbia.

BELGRADE, Nov. 11.—The Serbian government denies the Bulgarian report that Serbian troops are crossing the frontier. The State of Serbia has no need to invent a casus belli, as Bulgaria has given Serbia ample grounds to declare war when the proper moment arrives. Serbia refrains at present from attacking Bulgaria, for special motives which she regards with great solicitude, and which Bulgaria ignores. Serbia proposes a state policy, while Bulgaria follows a revolutionary one.

From Shreveport.

SHREVEPORT, Nov. 10.—Capt. Simon Levy, receiver of the Shreveport & Houston narrow gauge railway, is in receipt of a dispatch to-night that Neil McDonald, of New York, failed to meet the sight draft on which rested the transfer of the road and the same went to protest. This closes all further negotiations and leaves the road in Capt. Levy's hands as receiver. He has telegraphed Hon. A. H. Leonard, his attorney, who is now in New Orleans, to cease all further negotiations in regard to the transfer of the road.

From Jackson.

JACKSON, Nov. 10.—Mr. John M. Moore, of Greenville, and Miss Lucy D. McRaven, of this city, were married to-night at the Episcopal church, Rev. William Short officiating. The church was handsomely decorated, and was filled to overflowing with friends of the happy couple. The attendants were Fred Moore and Miss Sophie Langley, Dr. E. H. Robbins and Jennie C. Buck; floral girls Misses Addie Myers and Bertha Patton; ushers Hon. Henry C. Myers and Will Henry. The bride is one of our best and most popular young ladies, and the groom is richly deserving of his prize.

The supreme court, after clearing the docket for this district, adjourned till the first Monday in January.

A military company was organized here last night consisting of forty members. Wm. Henry was elected captain, and the company was named the Robert Smith Rifles, in honor of Col. R. A. Smith, who fell in the battle of Mumfordsville. The company is composed of the best material in the city.

Free Traders in Session.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The national conference of free traders and revenue reformers met in Haverley's Minstrel Hall, in the Inter-Ocean building, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, with some two hundred delegates from all parts of the country in attendance. The conference was called to order by its president, Hon. David A. Wells, after which Genl. J. N. Stiles, of Chicago, delivered the address of welcome. Some routine business was then transacted, after which the report and address of R. B. Bowker, honorary member of the conference, was read. Mr. Bowker stated that there were State organizations in behalf of revenue reform in thirteen States and local organizations in many other States. Most of these are in relation with the American Free Trade League, which is now organized as a National association. Mr. Bowker hoped this conference would select a man from each State who would become the promoter of the organization throughout his State, and its general representative in relation to the free traders, the necessity of planning for a great campaign, the first step towards which is raising a fund of \$20,000, which will be needed this and next year in view of the congressional elections of 1886. One-third of this sum is already pledged. We will show before New Year's day, 1887, such use of it that the country will then come to our support, as England came to the support of Cobden and Bright.

At the Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 11.—The Exposition commissioners of the States and Territories formed a permanent association, electing the following officers: President, Gen. D. McKee, of Arkansas; first vice-president, G. H. Glenn, of Illinois; second vice-president, J. B. Hamm, of Maine; secretary, S. B. Terrell, of California; treasurer, H. S. Fairall, of Iowa. These gentlemen called upon the board of management this afternoon and expressed their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the American Exposition was opened yesterday and their great gratification with the business methods displayed in the conduct of the present enterprise. Exhibits continue to arrive by incoming trains and steamers, and many telegrams were received by the management to-day, giving notice of shipments from various points.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The civil service commission discussed the Sterling case at a meeting to-day in a formal manner, but reached no conclusion. It will be a subject of discussion at to-morrow's meeting, when a decision will probably be arrived at.

The president appointed Gen. Joseph J. Bartlett, of New York city, to be second deputy commissioner of pensions, in place of C. Bartlett, who resigned on account of ill health, and Wm. H. Morgan, of Nashville, Tenn.; member of the board of Indian commissioners in place of Orange Judd, resigned.

Gen. Bartlett entered the union army at Binghamton as a private soldier in April, 1861, and came out at the close of the war as a brevet major-general.

CROUP, WHOOPING COUGH and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shilo's Cure. For sale by Hardaway & Cassell.